

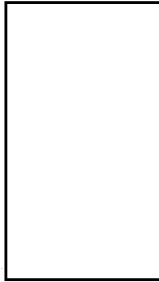
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1. The Ministry of State Control is completely new in organization and function. It was created early in September 1951 for the purpose of stimulating industrial and agricultural production throughout the CSR. This was to be accomplished by means of investigation and inspection; the Ministry was to investigate all complaints regarding industry, agriculture, or anything which affected the general economic structure. Such investigations might involve factory directors or managers of state agricultural farms, in order to find out why production quotas had yet been filled. Karol Bacilek, in a speech reported in a Czech newspaper when he was Minister of State Control, encouraged all citizens to report to his Ministry all complaints regarding economic aspects of life in Czechoslovakia. The Ministry, on its own initiative, was to investigate matters which were not brought to its attention by persons outside the Ministry.
2. Upon its creation, the Ministry of State Control took over the functions formerly performed by the Supreme Auditor's Office and the Bratislava Auditor's Court; these two organizations were abolished. All ministries and other agencies of the government had formerly submitted accounts of their expenditures to the Supreme Auditor's Office to be checked for authorization and compliance with the budget. (The Czech fiscal year runs from 1 January through 31 December.)

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3. When the Ministry of State Control was established in September 1951, Karol Bacilek, a Slovak, was appointed as Minister. During the latter part of January 1952, Bacilek became Minister of State Security after Ladislav Kopriva asked to be relieved of that post for reasons of health. Bacilek was replaced as Minister of State Control by Jan Harus, member of Parliament and former Lord Mayor of Liberec. All employees in responsible positions within the Ministry were recruited from the ranks of the "workers' cadre". I have no information concerning Soviet personnel or advisers in the Ministry of State Control.
4. I have heard nothing of any liaison that might exist between the Czech Ministry of State Control and Ministries of the USSR or the Satellites.

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